

### REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants provisionally elect the claims of group II, namely Claims 16-17 and 21-30.

In response to the species election, applicants elect 1) polyoxyl 35 castor oil as the non-ionic solvent 2) ethanol as the alcohol, 3) acetone as the eluent, 4) C-8 or C-18 silica as the packing material and 5) paclitaxel as the pharmaceutical agent.

Given the election of species for items 1), 2), 3) and 5) it is submitted that the election of C-8 or C-18 silica as the packing material is sufficient for the examiner to conduct a proper search of the art and examine this application.

The provisionally elected claims that read on:


- a) polyoxyl 35 castor oil are: 16, 17, and 21-30;
- b) ethanol are: 16, 17, and 21-30;
- c) acetone are: 16, 17, and 21-30;
- d) C-8 or C-18 silica are: 16, 17, and 21-30; and
- e) paclitaxel are: 16, 17, and 21-30.

All rights to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the nonelected claims and/or any other subject matter disclosed in the specification are preserved.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Please address questions or comments concerning this application to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted



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